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SBID Security Report

### **SUMMARY FOR 8-5-13 THROUGH 9-8-13**

This report takes us through week 36 of the year. When comparing our activities with this time last year, we see that we have made 2 more arrests compared to this time last year. Radio calls are up by 48 and business contacts are up by 716. Our citizen contacts are also up by 871 so far this year.

### **EVENTS OF INTEREST:**

On 9-8-13, there was a protest against going to war in Syria that was centered around Hollywood and Highland. The LAPD requested that I be present in their Command Post and I of course accepted their invitation. I got to meet new LAPD Captain Zarcone and new Patrol Lt. Randolph. Up to 2000 protestors were expected, but the total turned out to be more like 250.

We brought in extra manpower and adjusted our hours so that we could remain on the streets later into the day in case trouble developed. I was able to help facilitate communications between the LAPD, BID Patrol and H+H Security. There were no major incidents and only three arrests were made by the LAPD. One was of a naked man which is unfortunately a fairly normal occurrence around here.

We have attempted to increase our visibility in the SBID by having our Officers walk and ride bicycles when possible. Our available manpower does not allow us much wiggle room here, but we have managed to provide 86 foot and bike patrols for a total of 62 hours of patrol time so far this year. Our long term plans include increasing this type of high visibility patrol.

### **MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

- 1) 8-6-13 HBID/SBID All Property Owners Meeting
- 2) 8-6-13 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 3) 8-8-13 BID Joint Security Committee Meeting
- 4) 8-13-13 HHOT Homeless Outreach Meeting
- 5) 8-13-13 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 6) 8-14-13 LAPD Active Shooter Training at H+H
- 7) 8-20-13 LAPD Camp Homeless Outreach Meeting
- 8) 8-20-13 Apartment Managers Security Meeting
- 9) 8-20-13 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 10) 8-22-13 HBID Board Meeting



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- 11) 8-27-13 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 12) 8-27-13 HHOT Homeless Outreach Meeting
- 13) 9-3-13 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 14) 9-4-13 LAPD Late Night Patrol Meeting
  
- 15) 9-8-13 LAPD Command POST-Syrian Protest

### **OUTREACH:**

On 8-6-13, 'Operation Serge' was launched. Serge is a homeless man that is a constant drain on our manpower. We believe that his behavior puts him in constant danger. Below is a partial listing of our contacts with him from 7-1-13 through 7-13-13.

7-1-13- Contact. Advised as he was blocking the sidewalk at 6816 Hollywood Blvd. (Hollywood Tattoos).  
7-1-13- Radio call. 6816 Hollywood Blvd. Refusing to leave.  
7-1-13- Contact. 6660 Hollywood Blvd. Loitering with metal pipe.  
7-3-13- Radio call. 6776 Hollywood Blvd. (McDonalds) Panhandling.  
7-3-13- Radio call. 6600 Hollywood Blvd. (Tattoo Parlor) Refusing to leave.  
7-4-13- Contact. 6700 Hollywood Blvd. Sitting on sidewalk.  
7-5-13- Contact. 6509 Hollywood Blvd. (Smoke Shop) Sitting in front.  
7-6-13- Radio call. 6327 Hollywood Blvd. (Hollywood Tattoo) Blocking sidewalk.  
7-8-13- Radio call. Skooby's. Breaking bottles outside business.  
7-9-13- Contact. Skooby's. Sleeping on sidewalk.  
7-9-13- Contact. 6679 Hollywood Blvd. Was pointing a phone shaped like gun at tourists. Pretended to fire.  
7-9-13- Contact. 6660 Hollywood Blvd. (Zebra Tattoo). Broke bottle again.  
7-10-13- Radio call. 6776 Hollywood Blvd. (McDonalds). Panhandling.  
7-10-13- Contact. 1662 Cherokee (Boardners). Dry humping ground in front of doorway. Strongly advised to move on.  
7-10-13- Contact. 6816 Hollywood Blvd. (Greco's Pizza). Employee wanted Serge to leave. Had hard drive and glass bottle.  
7-12-13- Contact. 6700 Hollywood Blvd. (LA Tattoo). Lying on sidewalk.  
Angry and loud. Fled area.  
7-12-13- Radio call. 6701 Hollywood Blvd. (John Does Tattoo) Disturbance. Serge blocking entrance and refusing to move.  
7-12-13- Radio call. 6652 Hollywood Blvd. Serge on sidewalk blocking entrance to business.  
7-12-13- Contact. 6838 Hollywood Blvd. El Capitan Theater. Looked like he had been in scuffle.  
7-13-13- Contact. 6656 Hollywood Blvd. Sitting on sidewalk.



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On 7-29-13, at about 3:10 P.M., we received a call regarding Serge creating a disturbance in front of 6663 Hollywood Blvd. Upon arrival our Bike Team Officers (Ramirez/Trujillo) found Serge down on the sidewalk. Normally he runs away from the Officers, but this time he ignored them. They asked him to get up off the sidewalk, but he refused to speak to them.

Serge finally stood up, placed a laser in his mouth and pointed it at the Officers. He removed the laser and said "Too bad you're wearing Kevlar. If not you would be dead".

He then spun around and ran across Hollywood Blvd. There was heavy traffic and he was almost struck by several cars. He left \$7.00 lying on the sidewalk. The Officers recovered the money and later returned it to him..

It is not uncommon for Serge to threaten BID Officers. He often simulates a gun as he does so. It is also common for him to run into traffic. We are afraid that it is only a matter of time before Serge is seriously injured or even killed as he wades into traffic.

On 7-16-13, we hosted the Team Serge Meeting in our Office. This group of outreach providers and others are dedicated to helping Serge. Kerry Morrison and all the interested outreach parties including both the LAPD and Santa Monica Police were there. Serge's father and step mother also attended as did Officer Coogle and I. It was a very productive meeting and I believe that everyone left feeling that a solution to Serge's plight was certainly possible.

We joined with the Department of Mental Health, PATH and the LAPD and put together an intervention plan for Serge. On 8-6-13, we conducted a surveillance of Serge. I went out on a T-3 along with our entire morning team as well as the Bike Team which we brought in early for the occasion. We followed him for a considerable distance. When he got to Vine and Leland Way, he suddenly walked out into traffic. He was holding an object that he pointed at passing vehicles. He appeared to be pretending to shoot at the cars. We then formed the opinion that Serge was a danger to himself and others.

PATH and the LAPD responded and Serge was taken into custody at Sunset and Highland. The SMART Team was called as well as the Department of Mental Health. Kerry Morrison even walked to the scene as she had been attending a meeting nearby. We are very



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hopeful as Serge has been brought in from the cold, as least for the moment.

We received word from Savannah and Courtney of PATH on 9-4-13, that Serge had been placed in a conservatorship as the judge found him to be gravely disabled and unable to care for his basic needs. We had submitted information to the court regarding Serge's dangerous activities as did PATH and other outreach providers. We were told that this was helpful to the judge in making his decision.

We were told that Serge looked clean, healthy and able to engage in conversation. This is a major step forward for Serge. A plan similar to this was put into effect for Arni Cartier in the past. We hope to utilize this successful model with inspirational leader Kerry Morrison and our partners in the homeless outreach and law enforcement community in future cases.

On 8-7-13, we delivered a nice yellow Huffy bicycle to My Friend's Place. We have been holding this bike for over a year and a half. We have made every effort to locate the person that left it with us, but he's vanished. We decided to get these wheels back into

circulation. Our thought was that some young person could use the bike to get to work or school. Worst case scenario, if the owner should suddenly appear, we will pay him for the bike although we feel we would be on solid ground disposing of it after all this time.



Our Bike Team Give Bike to Erin of MFP

On 8-9-13, Officers Gordon and Kanagi contacted Michael at 1218 Vine. The Officers had spoken to him several weeks prior and Kanagi was able to determine that Michael was a Veteran and was eligible for emergency shelter at PATH. She also started the paperwork for permanent housing. Michael told the Officers that he was scheduled to receive a voucher for permanent housing in two weeks.



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On 8-15-13, our PSO's had several contacts with the pant-less Larry. They went to the Church and got him some pants. By the time they got back they met RJ and his sister who were visiting from Oklahoma. They gave Larry some shorts and bought him food and water. The PSO's then gave Larry the pants as well as outreach information.

On 8-16-13, our PSO's contacted the long time homeless George. We have often found him passed out on the ground and have had to called Paramedics for him on numerous occasions. He was using a walker and had an arm bandaged. He was sober and said he has been staying at PATH. They wished him well.

On 8-16-13, we met a new homeless person in town. His name is Brandon and he is a thirty year old white male with medium length dirty blonde hair. He is originally from San Bernardino, but has been staying in Venice Beach. He came to Hollywood on 8-15-13 and said that he had not eaten in three days. You may see him riding around Hollywood on a skateboard with a small sign asking for money. We gave him a \$5.00 JIB food card in a rapport building effort and gave him outreach information.

On 8-19-13, our Officers were flagged down by the homeless Richard. He said that his wife's walker had been stolen earlier that morning. As luck would have it, we had a walker in our storeroom that had been donated to us. The Officers picked it up and delivered it to Donna. She and Richard were very thankful for the gift.



Donna's New Walker

### **ENFORCEMENT:**

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 218 arrests. One hundred and fifty three were for drinking in public, 19 for urinating in public, 14 for trespass, 6 for battery, 12 for blocking the sidewalk, 3 for theft, 2 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 9 for felonies. We also made 199 homeless referrals, assisted 97 agencies, provided 86 foot beat



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patrols for a total of 62 hours, assisted 3721 citizens, handled 1166 radio calls for service, and made 2294 business contacts.

### **NOTED ARRESTS:**

On 8-7-13, our Officers were on routine patrol when they saw George fighting with Assistant Manager Aquino of the Rite Aid located at 6130 Sunset Blvd. Aquino was trying to recover a package of Soft Baked Oatmeal Raisin Cookies that he had stolen.

Our Sgt. Reyes and Officer Melvin saw George throw three roundhouse punches and a like number of roundhouse kicks at Aquino. All the blows missed. Aquino backed away and our Officers moved in. They then placed the suspect under arrest for robbery. We have had many issues with Robinson in the past and have featured him in our weekly reports.



Pugilist George

On 8-16-13, our Officers were on foot patrol in the 1500 block of Vine when they came across Carlos who was enjoying a can of Steel Reserve Malt Liquor. He was arrested and taken to the LAPD Station where he was booked for outstanding warrants.



Carefree Carlos

On 8-23-13, we arrested David and Larry for drinking in public at 1313 Vine. After calling the LAPD, we learned that David had an outstanding Parolee at Large Warrant. He was booked on the felony.





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Felon David and Larry

On 8-28-13, Sgt. Patton was on patrol when he saw two men involved in a loud argument in the 1700 block of Cahuenga. Suspect Brandon then picked up a large rock and threw it at the head of victim Jose Romero who dropped to the ground to avoid being struck. Brandon then walked off shouting profanities.

Sgt. Patton called for back-up as he followed the suspect. One BID team contacted the victim who signed a Private Person Arrest report. Another team responded to Selma and Cherokee where Brandon had walked to. Our Officers brought Romero to the location and he positively identified Brandon as being the suspect. We then placed him under arrest and called the LAPD. They arrived and took over the investigation as well as custody of the suspect. We then learned that Brandon was a Parolee with \$30,000.00 in outstanding warrants.



Stone Thrower Brandon

On 8-29-13, we received a call of a battery at the Starbucks located at 6290 Hollywood Blvd. As our Officers arrived they saw the suspect walking away from the location. They stopped and talked to John. Victim Timothy Mullen soon arrived stating that John had pushed and threatened him. He said he wanted him arrested for battery and he signed a Private Person Arrest form. John fought as our Officers attempted to arrest him. He was guided to the ground, handcuffed and hobbled as he continued to struggle and thrash around. The LAPD was called and Bicycle Team Officers Hemstetter #38638 and Hwang #38641 arrived at the scene.

Victim Christine Shurtleff arrived and said "He grabbed my butt!" She also signed an arrest form. LAPD Officers 6A77 Lim and Kim transported the suspect to the LAPD Station.

Our first documented contact with John was on 10-19-11 when he was warned by both BID and LAPD Officers regarding his aggressive panhandling. On 7-2-12, we arrested him twice for drinking in public. We arrested him again for drinking in public on 11-5-12 and he also had two outstanding warrants.



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Although John committed these offenses in the Hollywood BID, we have had prior negative contacts with him at 5857 Sunset Blvd, where he was trespassing and aggressively panhandling and at 1358 Wilcox where we arrested him for drinking in public. We find that many criminals cross back and forth between the two BIDs on a daily basis. This is also true for many in our homeless community.



Aggressive Suspect John

On 9-4-13, we received a call of a theft at Hollywood Happy Land located at 6723 Hollywood Blvd. Upon arrival an employee told us that the suspect had tried to leave the store with a stolen hat. The employee was struck by the victim when she tried to stop him. The suspect then left.

Our Officers found suspect Shannon about a block away. He took off running and the chase was on. A passing LAPD Helicopter happened to fly by and saw the foot pursuit. They followed from above and put out a broadcast to the LAPD who responded in force. Several LAPD units arrived and took over the pursuit catching the suspect at 1718 Cherokee. He was taken into custody and booked for robbery.

We had three prior contacts with this suspect on this date. He threatened employees at Hollywood Toyota, the Hollywood Suit Outlet and the Hurricane Store. We had him leave each location, but he threatened our Officers with bodily harm on each occasion.

Although this crime occurred in the Hollywood BID, this story is of interest because it illustrates our great working relationship with our partners in the LAPD.





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On 9-5-13, we arrested Eva and Jonathan for trespass at 1240 Vine. We receive daily calls regarding this couple. They insist on sleeping on private property and have ignored countless warnings and offers of assistance. After turning them over to the LAPD we learned that Eva had an outstanding felony warrant.



Eva and Jonathan

### **DEPLOYMENT:**

During this period, we worked from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M on Monday through Saturday. On Sunday we worked from 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M.

### **TRAINING UPDATE:**

During this period our Officers received live fire range training, legal update, sexual harassment and driver's safety.



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